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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR THE PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED

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PHASE III GET READY! GET SET! . . . GO!

You will recall that many months ago, we began a three phase operation to address the various needs and concerns of the handicapped population. The first phase (see photo) was the initial planning stages for what would become a series of Regional Forums and a three-day Conference on Handicapped Individuals in Hershey, 1976. The Second phase was the digestion of the materials from the Conference in an effort identified as the Implementation Committee, whose charge it was to consider the Conference Recommendations and determine the most feasible method of implementation for those recommendations.

Phase I and II have provided a tremendous wealth of cohesive guidelines. We are now entering Phase III, or the "Action Phase". During this period, ACTION is truly the key word.

The Governor's Committee for the Physically Handicapped, at its January meeting, began assignment to various State Departments charged with implementation of the Conference recommendations.

Watch future issues of Grand Stand for a report on the progress and results of the implementation of YOUR recommendations. CHI, Inc. will act as "watchdog" during Phase III, representing YOU. The recommendations have been made. . . the Implementation Report presented. . . Your advocacy is more vital now than ever before. Contact your Regional Chairperson to learn how you can become involved! ! !



Once Upon a Time. . . Remember the Planning Committee and Phase I

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

By: John H. Snyder

Community Education is a new concept being developed in Pa. and throughout the country. The term - Community Education - describes a process in which the individual, community, organization, and/or local private and governmental agency, cooperates to provide educational, recreational, vocational, cultural, social and other related services to meet community needs thru use of educational and other facilities.

It is the responsibility of every handicapped citizen to communicate the unfulfilled service needs of their community to the local Community Education Council or Task Force.

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It is therefore imperative that you, as an individual with a handicap/disability, volunteer to be a member of the local community education council. You should make your wishes known now to your local school district and/or local I.U. or the local recreation council. These agencies are taking the initiative in forming such councils. If you are a representative of an agency such as health, rehabilitation, welfare, recreation, or education, you should also become involved in developing a community education council or task force.

Through these Councils, we will be able to identify from within the community, existing gaps in service and services that are not now available, but which are required to meet the needs of the handicapped and others.

Community Education State Plan Hearings

March 14, 1979

9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Upper Merion	Hazleton Vo-Tech School
Jr. High School	23rd & McKinley Sts.
Crossfield Road	Hazleton, Pa. 18201
King of Prussia	

March 28, 1979

6:00 p.m.
Edison Community School
1820 Bellevue Road
Harrisburg, Pa. 17104

April 4, 1979

9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Meadville Senior	Penn Hills Sch. Dist.
High School	Linton Interm. H.S.
N. Street extended	250 Aster St. Penn Hls.
Meadville, 16335	Pbgh., Pa. 15235



Bonnie Gellman named President

CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING:

By: Bonnie Gellman

The fledgling organization, the Conference on Handicapped Individuals, took its first steps toward maturity on December 10, as the Annual Meeting was held. This general membership meeting featured progress reports on the organization's "infancy". The terrible weather conditions did not deter close to 100 people from attending the meeting, held at the Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg. The goals of the group, mainly developed as a result of the Governor's Conf. Handicapped Individuals, were discussed.

Structure of the organization on the regional level and state level was considered. By-Laws were briefly reviewed. It was stressed that the By-laws were prepared by persons who were instrumental in the original creation of the organization.

The new organization is divided into the same eight regions which were used for the Governor's Conference. Each of these regions is entitled to have two Directors on the Board at least one of whom must be disabled. For the initial period, those members of the Board of Directors from each region who are currently serving will remain. As each regional organization forms, they will select their own Directors who will take the seats on the Board. Each Officer and Director will be entitled to one vote at meetings of the Board.

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PA. FEDERATION OF THE BLIND TO ADOPT NEW NAME

It is reported that the Pa. Fed. of the Blind has joined the American Council of the Blind.

It is anticipated that the agency name will change to: The Pennsylvania Council of the Blind.

A highlight of the December meeting was the election of Officers. Selected were:

President: Ms. Bonnie Gellman, Region I

Vice

President: Mr. Robert Peppel, Region VII

Secretary: Ms. Gay Carney, Region V

Treasurer: Mr. Albert Whiteknight, Region VI

Membership

Secretary: Ms. Jennie Lee Morgan, Region V

Past

President: Mr. Carl Odhner, Region II

Currently, there are seven (7) vacancies on the Board of Directors. It is hoped that the Regions which have these slots to fill will do so before the meeting of the Board in March. If the vacancies are not filled by that time, it is the prerogative of the President to appoint Interim Directors.

The Board of Directors of CHI will meet on Saturday, March 3, at the Villa Leo Inn, Harrisburg. All members of the organization are welcome to attend. Only members of the Board of Directors, however, will be eligible to vote.

It is important to note that both the Past President, Carl Odhner, and CHI President, Bonnie Gellman stressed the need for teamwork and cooperation. CHI's future is not in the State Government Offices, nor in the structure. CHI's future is in the hands of its members. . . the efforts of the membership to build strong local groups are of prime importance. The regional groups hold the key to the success of CHI.

Won't you help? For information, contact any of the Officers listed above. To join, send your check or money order for \$3.00 to:

Jennie Lee Morgan
Membership Secretary
2114 Center Avenue
Ford City, Pa. 16226

CHILDREN'S TEAMS PROVIDE LOCAL TIE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION:

By: Rosemarie Richards
Planning Specialist C.C.D.C.

A Statewide Service Plan for Preschool Handicapped Children is being developed by several state agencies in Pennsylvania which have joined together during the past several months for this purpose. This plan, funded by a federal implementation grant to the Pa. Dept. of Education, will be assessing current service delivery systems and proposing ways to ensure the availability of comprehensive programs and services for handicapped children below school age in the most efficient, cost-effective manner.

In an effort to make the best use of existing resources and data, volunteer Children's Teams are being developed to study local service delivery systems, service gaps and areas of programmatic overlap. In most cases, these teams will be functioning within intermediate unit boundaries since these agencies are already responsible for the education of all handicapped school-age children. It is expected that these teams will develop ways of easing the transition process and avoiding confusion when the child enters the school system.

A state-level counterpart to the Local Children's teams -- Interdepartmental Children's Team, has been established to study the recommendations of the local level and to incorporate the local input into the state-wide plan.

Since the project is scheduled to expire in August of 1979, at a time when plan implementation should begin, the Commonwealth Child Development Committee (CCDC) will meet soon to discuss recommendations for the continuation of this planning effort under the auspices of the Governor's Office.

Participation in the Local Children's Teams is totally voluntary, and the success of the team depends upon the commitment of its members. The plan is being developed now. The time to act, therefore, is NOW!

Name _____

Address _____

Parent of Disabled person

Describe: _____

Disabled Person

Describe: _____

Professional

Describe: _____

BELL OF PENNSYLVANIA INCREASES SERVICE
TO HANDICAPPED CITIZENS

Within the past month, Bell of Pennsylvania established two Handicapped Service Centers designed to better serve the special telephone needs of the handicapped.

The Centers were opened in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg on December 4 and 5. The Centers are similar to one located in Philadelphia.

The Pittsburgh Center, located on the first floor of Bell's headquarters at 201 Stanwix Street, serves all customers in the 412 code area. In Harrisburg, the Center is temporarily located on the tenth floor in Strawberry Square. Plans to move the center to the first floor early this year are underway.

The Harrisburg Center serves customers in the 717 and 814 code areas. The Philadelphia Center serves subscribers in the 215 numbering plan area.

The Company's objectives for the Centers are:

- 1. To improve access into the Company for the handicapped and thus provide better service.
- 2. Establish relationships with handicapped organizations & agencies to further community relations.
- 3. Communicate directly with handicapped customers, relatives or professionals to determine the types of telephone service required to match the customers' disability.

The Centers plan to deal with all types of disabilities. In addition, the Centers are equipped with teletypewriters to communicate directly with the deaf population. Many items of special equipment are PA-PUC tariff items; their respective costs are regulated by the PUC. Those items not tariffed are provided to customers at actual cost.

To Make Inquiry	
Teletype Svc.	Reg. Svc.
Hbg. 800 692-7466	800 692-7465
Phil. 800 462-1610	800 462-1611
Pbgh. 800 472-1476	800 472-1477

DIRECTION SERVICE
HELP FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Direction Service is the new, comprehensive information and referral service available to persons living in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties. It aids handicapped individuals, age birth to 21 years, and their families by giving up-to-date information about programs and services in many fields such as education, evaluation, finances or recreation.

A resource file, listing the programs and services of over 800 agencies in the tri-county area, is presently being developed cooperatively with the Capital Area I.U. Tri-County United Way, and CONTACT Harrisburg.

Direction Service is a model demonstration project funded by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped (HEW), and is one of 25 such models in the nation. Funds are provided through P.L. 91-230, Educ. for the Hcpd. Act. Part C. For more information call:

(717) 236-1133
or write
Direction Service
236 Union Deposit Mall
Harrisburg, Pa. 17111

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

The United Nations has declared the year 1979 to be the International Year of the Child in order to focus world attention on the problems of children. President Carter in response to this proclamation appointed a National Commission on the International Year of the Child.

Ms. Cathryn Irvis was appointed Chairperson of the Pennsylvania IYC Committee.

This year will be one dedicated to children. The Pa. Committee will conduct and coordinate child care studies and other special projects relating to child care and development in the state. We will make legislation and policy recommendations in the child-care field, and encourage communities to assert responsibility for their children.

The Pa. Committee will focus attention on the problems of youth in the Commonwealth and
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make appropriate recommendations to the national committee for programs that would benefit ALL children throughout the country and the world.

At the State level, local communities will be encouraged to examine the needs of young people within their community.

NORTH AMERICAN RIDING FOR THE
HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION, INC.

The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association will hold a regional meeting on March 3, 1979 at the Philadelphia Headquarters of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 3975 Conshohocken Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19131. The meeting will consist of informal discussions about starting, maintaining and administering therapeutic horsemanship programs and will include a panel discussion on "Riding for the Handicapped Adult." All who are interested in therapeutic riding are invited. There will be no registration charge. For further details contact: Mrs. Octavia Brown, R.D., Larger Cross Road, Bedminster, N.J. 07921 (201-234-1907) or Dr. Eleanora Gordon, 263 Kent Road, Wynnewood, Pa. 19096 (215-642-0999).

The Society for Crippled Children and Adults is located at 3975 Conshohocken Avenue, Philadelphia, near the Children's Heart Hospital off City Line Avenue behind the Holiday Inn near the Schuylkill Expressway. It may be reached by car by taking the City Line exit of the Schuylkill Expressway. Number 38 bus from 16th street and John F. Kennedy Blvd. passes by the gate of the grounds. Route E bus from 69th Street terminal goes to Monument Road. From there it is a long, but practical walk. Airport limousines go to the Marriott, a short taxi ride or a very long walk away.

In case of possible cancellation for inclement weather, call 215-642-0999.

ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION
BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD
ROLE ENLARGED

The new provisions in the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Service and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978 (P.L. 95-602) were passed by Congress before its Oct. 14 adjournment and signed by President Carter on November 6, 1978.

Robert Johnson, A&TBCB Executive Director said the new law extends the life of the enforcement agency by four years, through September, 1983, and expands the board to 21 members, 11 public and 10 federal.

The National Advisory Committee on Accessible Environment, a 16-member consumer panel to the A&TBCB for the past two years is abolished.

The board must determine within one year the cost to state and local governments of providing handicapped persons full access to all federally funded activities, including Section 504 programs under the Rehab. Act '73.

The Board is also to ensure that public conveyances, including rolling stock, are accessible to physically handicapped persons. Previously, only fixed facilities were covered.

The board is to establish minimum guidelines and requirements for standards other federal agencies issue under the Arch. Barriers Act. The federal minimum standard for accessibility since 1969 has been the Amer. Nat'l Standard Institute's commonly known as ANSI. The ANSI standards are being revised and may or may not be adopted by A&TBCB as the federal minimum.

The Executive Director may, with board approval, bring a civil action in U.S. District Court to enforce the board's orders and intervene, appear and participate as a friend-of-the-court in U.S. or State Court in Civil Action related to Section 502 of 1973 Act or the 1968 Architectural Barriers Act.

For the first time, the board may be represented by its own attorneys in Civil Actions except those before the U.S. Supreme Court.

H. A. Reitan, former Spec. Assistant to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) has been named Compliance Director of the Federal A&TBCB.

IS YOUR RECREATION PROGRAM FOR ME ?

Until recently, many of the recreation and leisure activities available to developmentally disabled persons have been provided by special interest groups such as the Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Easter Seal, UCP. etc.

In most instances this has meant that recreation opportunities have been limited and often provided on a segregated basis with little opportunity for normal social integration.

To address the problem of Community-based Recreation services for developmentally disabled persons the Recreation and Parks Program of the Pennsylvania State University has entered into a project with the Office of Mental Retardation, Pa. Department of Public Welfare, which is designed to provide information for community recreation personnel as to how to develop and implement recreation services for developmentally disabled persons.

The primary goal of the project is to increase the generic recreation services available to developmentally disabled persons.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

Recreation and Park Directors
Supervisors and Leaders
YMCA Personnel

Board and Commission members
Educators

and others involved in the provision of community-based recreation services.

FEES

Training is provided at no charge to Community Recreation Service Providers.

In addition, participants in workshops will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$30.00 for travel lodging and meals.

A resource manual will be provided at no charge.

To register contact Dr. Bernard Thorn, Project Director at 267 Recreation Building, University Park, Pa. 16802.

The program will be provided at the following locations:

April 23-24
Pa. State Univ.
Capital Campus
Middletown, Pa. 17057

May 1-2
Pa. State Univ.
Radnor Center Theater
Radnor, Pa. 19087

May 8-9
Pa. State Univ.
Wilkes-Barre Campus
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18708

May 21-22
Pa. State Univ.
Beaver Campus
Monaca, Pa. 15061

DEAR ADVOCATE:

In future issues of the Grand Stand we hope to include as a regular feature, a "Dear Advocate" column, which will deal with specific letters of inquiry.

We anticipate the column adopting a format that will act as a source of information to our readers by answering questions for them about state government programs for the handicapped.

Although all letters will be answered, space will not permit us to print every letter. We will, however, print letters that deal with problems of "general interest".

If you have a problem or question about application for handicapped license plates, for example, or other programs, drop a line to "Dear Advocate". In many cases, your question is also the question of others. All letters are confidential and the writer will remain anonymous. Send letters to: Dear Advocate, 900 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101. For personal reply, include complete mailing address.

TOWARD UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

A Conference will be conducted that will address the concerns of the public and private sectors faced with increasing obligations in accommodation for the handicapped. How will you pay for it? How will you make sure it's done correctly? We are bringing a faculty with national reputation to discuss the solutions as well as the problems.

Pittsburgh: Mariott at Green Tree
March 22-23, 1979

Philadelphia: Valley Forge Sheraton
April 26-27, 1979

The Conference is geared to meet some of the practical needs and concerns that we all have on accessibility. There will be an opportunity for you to participate in discussion groups with the staff:

Regulations--
John D. Kemp, Pres.
Kemp & Young, Inc.
Consultants on Employment
of the Handicapped
Mission, Kansas

Design & Technology--
John A. Templer, Ph.D.
Professor & Asst. Dean
for Research
College of Architecture
Georgia Institute of Tech.

Timothy J. Nugent
Professor of Rehabilitation Educ.
University of Illinois

Transportation--
George J. Pastor
Asso. Admin. for Tech.
UMTA

Raymond Mundy
Asso. Professor
Dept. of Marketing & Trans.
Univ. of Tennessee

Fire and Safety--
John Archae, Asst. Prof.
College of Architecture
Georgia Institute of Tech.

Tom Lillis, Dir.
Phys. Plant Dept.
Gallaudet College

Eunice Fiorito, M.S.W.
Advocate for the Handicapped
Rehabilitation Services Admin.
H.E.W.

The Conference is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Easter Seal Society and the Pa. Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. It is supported by the Pennsylvania State Department of Community Affairs.

For Additional information, write or call the Conference Coordinators:

Mrs. Patricia McGrath
Pennsylvania Easter Seals
P.O. Box 497
Fulling Mill Road R.D. #1
Middletown, Pa. 17057

Ms. Martha Worley
Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
Room 1319 Labor & Industry Bldg.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

There is apparently considerable controversy concerning the use of HP license plates.

In fact, this office has recently become aware that in some communities, fines were being imposed on drivers who parked in specially designated spaces for the handicapped, but who did not have an HP license plate, despite the fact that they were handicapped.

What determines "eligibility" to park in the specially provided parking spaces, the individual's handicap, or the license plate that indicates the need? What do you think? Do you have an HP plate? Why, or Why not? Send your comments to:

John H. Snyder
Governor's Advocate for
the Physically Handicapped
900 Market Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have meetings, conferences or workshops scheduled and would like to have the dates published in the Grand Stand Calendar of Events, send the information to Larry Blankenhorn at 900 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

March 3
9:30 to 4
CHI (Conf. Hcpd. Individ.,)
Board Meeting (see article)

March 8
Advisory Comm. Vis. Hcpd.
10:00 a.m.
787-6176 for location

March 8
Advisory Panel for Spec. Ed
Rm. 217 Exec. House
2nd & Chestnut St.
Harrisburg, Pa.
10:00 a.m.

March 8-9
Community Educ. Advisory Council
Holiday Inn of Valley Forge
King of Prussia, Pa.

March 12th
Nat'l Paraplegic Foundation
Auditorium
Elizabethtown Hospital

March 28
Subcommittee on Early Childhood
and Special Needs
6:45 p.m.
Hershey Convention Ctr.
Hershey, Pa.

March 21
10:00 a.m.
Governor's Comm. Phys. Hcpd.
Exec. House
Hbg., Pa.

March 22-23
"Toward Univ. Access. Conf."
Marriott at Green Tree
Pittsburgh (see article)

April 8-9-10-11
Pa. Rec. & Park Soc. Ann. Conf.
William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh

April 18
10:00 a.m.
Gov. Comm. Phys. Hcpd.
Exec. House
Hbg., Pa.

April 26-27
"Toward Univ. Access. Conf."
Valley Forge Sheraton
Phila., Pa. (see article)

May 10
10:00 a.m.
Spec. Educ. Advisory Panel
Exec. House
Harrisburg, Pa.

May 16
10:00 a.m.
Gov. Com. Phys. Hcpd.
Exec. House
Harrisburg, Pa.

June 7-8
Comm. Educ. Advisory
Council

June 10-11-12-13
"Therapeutic Rec. Institute"
York College of Pa.

June 20
Gov. Com. Phys. Hcpd.
Exec. House
Harrisburg, Pa.

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